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Mr. John T. Campbell, Head
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Caversham Park
Reading, Berks.

Dear John:

Kyrenia has reported certain frequency shifts in the Rumanian Home Service broadcasts, which indicate that a review of coverage arrangements may be in order.

Formerly, Bucharest broadcast most of its news and commentaries on 155 kcs, a frequency covered at Caversham, and also monitorable year round at Kyrenia. The only actual Kyrenia coverage consisted of a few programs on 854 kcs, which I understand is unmonitorable at Caversham, and those 155 kcs programs seasonably unmonitorable at Caversham.

Since the reorganization of the Rumanian Home Service, 854 kcs has been carrying more news and commentaries, and 155 kcs less, thereby increasing Kyrenia's coverage. Kyrenia also has recently assumed several 155 kcs programs at Caversham's request. Of the twelve programs broadcast daily by the main transmitters, Kyrenia is now covering nine leaving Caversham at present with the very important SCANTEIA editorial and two minor programs.

In view of the excellent year round reception at Kyrenia of the main transmitters of this major Satellite, and good reception of the others for nine months, it appears that a shift of primary coverage responsibility for Rumanian Home and Regional Services from Caversham to Kyrenia might prove beneficial to both BBC and FBIS. Kyrenia is prepared to take on an additional monitor for full exploitation of its coverage potential in this respect.

I would appreciate your views on this proposal.

Sincerely,

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cc: Chief, Med. Bureau

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Chief, FBIS

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Mediterranean Bureau, FBIS
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Subject: Transfer of Rumanian Coverage from Caversham.

Dear

Enclosed for your information is a copy of a letter sent today to Campbell. I will advise you when I have his answer. In the meantime you should defer employing an additional Rumanian monitor, but there would certainly be no harm in conducting interviews and tests. Such a monitor, when and if actually employed, must fall within your present overall native and foreign national T/O limitation of 72, however. No overall T/O increase can be authorized at this time.

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Sincerely,

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Chief, FBIS

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